

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows, wherein insertions are indicated by underline and deletions are indicated by strikethrough or double-bracketing.

Please replace paragraph [0007] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0007] To achieve the above object, and according to a first aspect of the invention, there is provided an air discharge structure for a motorcycle having a front wheel suspended on a front portion of a vehicle frame, a rear wheel suspended by a rear wheel suspension mounted on a rear portion of the vehicle frame, a fuel tank mounted on an upper portion of the vehicle frame, an engine mounted on a lower portion of the vehicle frame, a radiator disposed forwardly of the engine, and a radiator cover covering the radiator and having an air discharge port for discharging air from the radiator rearwardly of a vehicle body, wherein a side cover is disposed in a position facing the air discharge port and covers a side area between the fuel tank and the engine, the side cover being contiguous to the rear portion of the vehicle frame and adjacent to the rear wheel suspension.

Please replace paragraph [0008] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0008] ~~As~~ Since the side cover is disposed so as to face the air discharge port, air discharged from the radiator can be drawn out of the air discharge port by ram air that flows along a side surface of the side cover. Because the side cover is disposed so as to be contiguous to the rear portion of the vehicle frame and adjacent to the rear wheel suspension, the side cover and the rear wheel suspension are highly blended with each other for an improved appearance.

Please replace paragraph [0033] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0033] FIG. 6 is a cross-sectional view of the fuel tank 21 and the side covers 27 according to the present invention. The side covers 27, specifically, crest portions 27a at the boundaries between the upper surfaces 51 and the side surfaces 52 of the side covers 27, project a distance P laterally of the vehicle body ~~from~~ relative to crest portions 56 of side surfaces of the fuel tank 21, and the rider 47 has its legs 48 whose inner sides are applied to the side covers 27, respectively. Therefore, the side covers 27 can be held by the respective legs 48. If the legs 48 are forcibly shifted inwardly, then the sides of the fuel tank 21 as well as the side covers 27 can be held by the legs 48. The force with which the sides of the fuel tank 21 as well as the side covers 27 are held can be distributed to the fuel tank 21 and the side covers 27. Therefore, with the motorcycle 10 according to the present invention, only the side covers 27 may be held by the legs 48 or both the side covers 27 and the fuel tank 21 may be held by the legs 48, depending on the riding attitude of the rider 47.

Please replace paragraph [0037] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0037] As described above with reference to FIGS. 2 and 3, according to a first feature of the present invention, the motorcycle 10 has the front wheel 31 suspended on a front portion of the vehicle frame 45, the rear wheel 38 suspended by the rear wheel suspension 41 mounted on a rear portion of the vehicle frame 45, the fuel tank 21 mounted on an upper portion of the vehicle frame 45, the engine 22 mounted on a lower portion of the vehicle frame 45, the radiator 23 disposed forwardly of the engine 22, and the radiator cover 24 covering the radiator 23 and having the air discharge port 26 for discharging air from the radiator 23 rearwardly of the vehicle frame, characterized in that the side covers 27 are disposed in a position facing the air discharge port 26, i.e., rearwardly of the air discharge port 26, and cover both side areas between the fuel

tank 21 and the engine 22, the side covers 27 being contiguous to the main frame 17 and adjacent to the rear wheel suspension 41.

Please replace paragraph [0039] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0039] Because the side covers 27 are disposed so as to be contiguous to the rear portion of the vehicle main frame 17 and adjacent to the rear wheel suspension 41, the side covers 27 and the rear wheel suspension 41 are highly blended with each other for thereby improving the appearance of the American-type motorcycle 10 in particular.

Please replace paragraph [0043] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0043] With the above arrangement, the present invention offers the following advantages:

The air discharge structure for the motorcycle according to the first aspect of the invention resides in that the side cover is disposed in a position facing the air discharge port and covers a side area between the fuel tank and the engine, the side cover being contiguous to the rear portion of the vehicle main frame and adjacent to the rear wheel suspension . Therefore, air discharged from the radiator can be drawn out of the air discharge port by ram air that flows along a side surface of the side cover. Therefore, the discharged air can flow out from within the radiator cover in an increased amount, and an excessive temperature rise in the radiator cover is prevented from being developed.

Please replace paragraph [0044] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0044] Because the side cover is disposed so as to be contiguous to the rear portion of the vehicle frame and adjacent to the rear wheel suspension, the side cover and the rear wheel suspension are highly blended with each other for thereby improving the appearance of an

American-type motorcycle in particular.